

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO.LTC# 373-2013

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Mentbers of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

October 15, 2013

SUBJECT: CITY OF MIAMI RESOLUTION

Attached for your information is Resolution No. R-13-0377, which was passed by the City of Miami on September 26, 2013.

A Resolution Supporting Efforts To Reduce Gun Violence And Illegal Firearms Trafficking Through More Responsible Gun Sales And Marketing Practices; Directing The City Manager To Coordinate With The Chief Of Police To Partner With Other Municipalities To Create A Coalition In Support Of This Initiative And To Work With Gun And Ammunition Suppliers To Encourage The Consideration Of Sales And Marketing Safeguards; Directing The City Clerk To Transmit A Copy Of This Resolution To All South Florida Municipalities, The Florida League Of Cities, Inc., All Members Of Florida's Congressional Delegation, And To The Obama Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 305.673.7411.

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**Attachments** 

Raymond Martinez, Chief of Police

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## City of Miami

TODD B. HANNON City Clerk



JOHNNY MARTINEZ, P.E. City Manager

October 9, 2013

City Clerk Rafael E. Granado City of Miami Beach 1700 Convention Center Drive Miami Beach, FL 33139

Re: Consideration and Support of Resolution R-13-0377

Dear City Clerk:

On behalf of the City of Miami Commission, I am transmitting to you a copy of Resolution R-13-0377, which the City Commission passed and adopted at its meeting on September 26, 2013.

Resolution R-13-0377 "...supports the efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices."

The City of Miami greatly appreciates your consideration and support of Resolution R-13-0377.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Hannon City Clerk

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**Enclosures** 

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## City of Miami

## Legislation

Resolution: R-13-0377

City Hall 3500 Pan American Drive Miami, FL 33133 www.miamigov.com

File Number: 13-01047 Final Action Date: 9/26/2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI CITY COMMISSION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REDUCE GUN VIOLENCE AND ILLEGAL FIREARMS TRAFFICKING THROUGH MORE RESPONSIBLE GUN SALES AND MARKETING PRACTICES; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO COORDINATE WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PARTNER WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE A COALITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS INITIATIVE AND TO WORK WITH GUN AND AMMUNITION SUPPLIERS TO ENCOURAGE THE CONSIDERATION OF SALES AND MARKETING SAFEGUARDS; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO ALL SOUTH FLORIDA MUNICIPALITIES, THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., ALL MEMBERS OF FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND TO THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION.

WHEREAS, federally licensed gun dealers are one of the largest sources of illegally trafficked guns, according to a 2000 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives report, and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, gun murders in Florida rose 38 percent between 2000 and 2011 and guns are used in more than 70 percent of Florida homicides, up from 56 percent in 2000; and

WHEREAS, guns often fall into criminal hands through "straw purchases," where a friend or family member of a criminal purchases a gun and passes it along; and

WHEREAS, according to a recent study published in the Journal of Public Policy and Marketing, responsible practices by gun manufacturers and distributors help to prevent guns from falling into criminal hands and leads to a lower incidence of guns being recovered from violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Wal-Mart have developed the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, a comprehensive plan to curb the illegal trafficking of firearms through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices and reached an agreement which requires basic and sensible marketing safeguards such as the videotaping of gun sales, increased store security, and employee training and background checks; and

WHEREAS, in the voluntary code signed by retailers that participate in the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership, retailers agree to provide a computerized crime gun trace log and alert system, require purchaser declarations and identification checking mechanisms, provide point of sale signage alerting customers of their legal responsibilities, and prohibit sales without background check results; and

WHEREAS, the Miami City Commission commends and applauds the voluntary efforts of responsible gun manufacturers and distributors which contribute to the reduction of gun violence and crimes in our communities, and supports the creation of a coalition in support of the initiative to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking:

- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI, FLORIDA:
- Section 1. The recitals and findings contained in the Preamble to this Resolution are adopted by reference and incorporated as fully set forth in this Section.
- Section 2. The Miami City Commission supports the efforts to reduce gun violence and illegal firearms trafficking through more responsible gun sales and marketing practices.
- Section 3. The City Manager is directed to coordinate with the Chief of Police to partner with other municipalities to create a coalition in support of this initiative and to work with gun and ammunition suppliers to encourage the consideration of sales and marketing safeguards.
- Section 4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all South Florida municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., the Miami-Dade League of Cities, all members of Florida's Congressional Delegation, and to the Obama Administration.
- Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and signature of the Mayor.{1}

## Footnotes:

{1} If the Mayor does not sign this Resolution, it shall become effective at the end of ten calendar days from the date it was passed and adopted. If the Mayor vetoes this Resolution, it shall become effective immediately upon override of the veto by the City.